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## **WSP Captain Awarded Fulbright Fellowship**

Bill Hilton, Captain of the Washington State Patrol (WSP) District 2 office in Bellevue, has been awarded the Fulbright Scholar Police Executive Grant, it was announced today. The fellowship, presented to two police executives nationwide each year, enables active police officers and administrators to conduct research into an aspect of policing. Recipients travel to the United Kingdom to conduct research that will benefit both American and British law enforcement and must be completed in three to twelve months.

Captain Hilton's research will examine how law enforcement effectiveness is increased through accountability and performance measurement. He will compare the effectiveness of the respective measurement systems and processes used by police leadership in the United States and the United Kingdom.



**Captain William L. Hilton**

"Issues faced by law enforcement agencies in the United Kingdom and the United States are similar in nature," explained Captain Hilton. "The significance of this research will be to demonstrate how police leadership can make a difference through effective accountability and performance measurement," he said, adding, "Law enforcement benefits as best practices are shared, adopted, and implemented."

Captain Hilton will be sharing with his United Kingdom counterparts his experience with the WSP's Strategic Advancement Forum (SAF) process where each week, a bureau reports its work, challenges, and successes to the executive management of the agency for review. Similar to the well-known COMPSTAT model, the WSP has been using this accountability model to critically examine itself and its effectiveness and impact on public safety.

The Fulbright Scholarship Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs. Recipients of Fulbright Scholar awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement and because they have demonstrated extraordinary leadership potential in their fields. During its 57 years of existence, thousands of U.S. faculty and professionals have studied, taught, or done research abroad. Thousands of their counterparts from other countries have engaged in similar activities in the United States.

Captain Hilton has been with the Washington State Patrol since 1980.

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